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ZONE (NFZS)

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1. ON APRIL 15, POLADS DISCUSSED ISSUES OF ASSURANCES OF NON-USE OF
NUCLEAR WEAPONS BY THE NUCLEAR POWERS AND NUCLEAR FREE ZONES(NFZS).
NETHERLANDS REP (HORAK) REPEATED ARGUMENTS MADE DURING APRIL 11
POLADS (PARAS 2 AND 3, REF A). THE HAGUE IS CONVINCED THAT YUGOSLAVIA

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AMONG OTHERS, WILL RAISE ISSUE OF NON-USE ASSURANCES BY NUCLEAR POWER
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DURING FORTHCOMING NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE (REVCN) IN GENEVA. DUTCH
BELIEVE NATO MUST BEGIN TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE RESPONSE ON THIS
ISSUE IMMEDIATELY; TO WAIT FOR REVCON WILL ONLY "WASTE THREE WEEKS".
NEHTERLANDS REP FURTHER SUGGESTED POLADS DROP CONSIDERATION OF NFZS
IN ORDER TO CONCENTRATE ON EXAMINATION OF NON-USE ASSURANCES FORMULAE

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2. UK REP (MARGETSON) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES DO NOT BELIEVE POLADS
POSSESS SUFFICIENT EXPERTISE TO CONSIDER THIS ISSUE AND THAT NATO CAC

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AT REVCON WOULD BE BEFFER FORUM. TURKISH REP (ERALP), UNDER INSTRUCTION, CONFIMED IS EARLIER VIEW THAT THE POLADS IS NOT AN APPROPRAITE FORUM TO DISCUSS THESE ISSUES. NORWEGIAN REP (CAARDER) SAID OSLO BELIEVES IT BETTER TO CONSULT IN A NATO CAUCUS AT REVCON; HOWEVER, OSLO HAS NO STRONG OBJECTIONS TO POLADS DISCUSSION OF ISSUES IF OTHERS INSIST.

3. ITALIAN REP (TESTORI) SAID ROME CAN ACCEPT DISCUSSION IN POLADS. ITALIANS WANT NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF (IMS) TO STUDY IMPLICATIONS OF THESE ISSUES FOR NATO STRATEGIC PLANNING. FRG REP (CITRON) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES SUPPORT DUTCH PROPOSAL FOR POLADS DISCUSSION AND ITALIAN SUGGESTION FOR IMS STUDY.

4. FRECH REP (BEAUCHATAUD) SAID PARIS HAD NO OBJECTIONS TO A DISCUSSION OF THESSE ISSUES BY THE OTHER ALLIES IN THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE; HOWEVER, THE FRENCH BELIEVE THE REVCON TO BE A MORE APPROPRIATE FORUM AND WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE POLADS DISCUSSION NOR NECESSARILY BE BOUND BY ANY CONCLUSIONS REACHED.

5. DANISH REP (VILLADSEN) PERSONNALY SUPPORTED NETHERLANDS PROPOSAL TO DISCUSS ISSUES IN POLADS, BUT OBJECTED TO SUGGESTION THAT THE NFZS ISSUE BE DROPPED FROM CONSIDERATION. THRKISH REP AND THE IS/DISARMAMENT AND CONTROL SECTION REP (PABSCH) AGREED THAT THE POLADS SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER NFZS.

6. U.S. REP (LEDOGAR), DRAWING ON PARA 1 REF B, SAID USG DOES NOT OBJECT TO EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BY POLADS. U.S.IS CURRENTLY REVIEWING THESE ISSUES AND WOULD APPRECIATE FULL ELABORATION OF ALLIED VIEWS.

7. CANADIAN REP (FOWELL) SUPPORTED DUTCH PROPOSAL TO DISCUSS ISSUES IN POLACS. OTTAWA HOPES NO ALLIES WILL BO TO GENEVA REVCON WITH MINDS MADE UP AGAINST NON-USE ASSURANCES. CANADIAN REP ALSO SUPPORTED SUGGESTION THAT NFZS BE DROPPED FROM CONSIDERATION.

8. POLADS DECIDED TO TAKE UP ISSUES OF NON-USE ASSURANCES AND NFZS
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UNDER SEPARATE SUB-HEADINGS AT APRIL 22 POLADS. IMS WAS TASKED TO BEGIN PREPARATION OF SHORT PAPER ON THE IMPLICATIONOF NON-USE ASSURANCES FOR NATO STRATEGY.

9. ACTION REQUEST: MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER GUIDANCE FOR USE IN APRIL 22 POLACS PASED UPON ABOVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. IF NOT AVAILABLE, MISSION WILL CONTINUE TO BE GUIDED BY REF B.
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